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# Armed Bandit Holds Up Market After Posing As DA Investigator

## Makes Escape in Stolen Car With Estimated \$15,000 Loot

A bandit, posing as a representative of the District Attorney's office, held up a Torrance market manager during the Friday rush hours and made his escape with most of the day's receipts.

David Thompson, manager of Lucky's Market, 3860 Sepulveda, reported that the gunman approached him during the afternoon, told him he was from the district attorney's office in Long Beach and

would like to talk to him about one of the store's employees.

### PULLED GUN

After Thompson took him into his private office the bandit pulled a pistol from his pocket and forced the manager to turn over all of the cash in the safe. He then made his escape in a car parked in the store's parking lot.

Thompson was able to jot down the license num-

ber of the car as it left and turned it over to police when they arrived minutes later.

Vehicle had been reported stolen Thursday in Los Angeles.

Getaway car was found later by Redondo Beach police parked on Pacific coast Highway. Witnesses on the scene reported that the suspect had parked the car at that spot, hailed a taxi which took him into

downtown Redondo Beach.

Police and market officials have refused to disclose the exact amount of cash taken in the robbery but unofficial estimates place the amount at between \$13,000 and \$15,000.

Abandoned automobile has been impounded and will be turned over to the crime lab in a search for fingerprints or clues that might reveal the identity of the bandit.



HELP FROM PASSERSBY—Contorted face of Jonana Gervais, 18, of Lawndale, victim of a truck-auto crash that hospitalized four persons, testifies to the impact of the accident. Crash, which occurred at the corner of Del Amo and Hawthorne Thursday noon, completely demolished the auto and

hospitalized Miss Gervais, a sister, Janet Gervais, driver of the vehicle; Sondra Sessions, 18, of 3717 Emerald St., Torrance, and Carolyn Lawhead, 3, of Redondo Beach. Authorities at Little Company of Mary Hospital have classified each of the four victims as in "fair" condition.

### Torrance Civic, Chamber Officers Attend Meeting

Prominent Torrance Chamber of Commerce and civic officials participated Friday night in the annual installation of officers for the Harbor Area Chambers of Commerce at the Lone Pine Inn, corner of Sepulveda and Main St.

Heading the contingent from Torrance city hall was Councilman George Vico.

The turn-away audience witnessed the installation of new officers by Supervisor Burton Chace and heard a talk by Thomas Blodgett of Blodgett and Wood Agency in Los Angeles, concerning the coming 1966 Exposition there.

### Polio Inoculation Clinic Slated Next Tuesday

A polio clinic, sponsored by Howard Wood PTA and the National Foundation, will be available to residence of the South Bay area on Tuesday, February 21, from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria, 2250 W. 235th St., Torrance.

Innoculations will cost \$1 per person. First, second, third and booster shots will be given to persons from 3-months upward.

Unmarried persons, less than 21 and not in the armed forces, must be accompanied by an adult.

### Torrance Woman Will Represent City At Meet

Mrs. Rose Craig will represent the Torrance Recreation and Park Commission at the California and Pacific Southwest Recreation Conference in Los Angeles this week.

Mrs. Craig, long active in civic affairs and youth activities, has been a member of the Commission since 1957. In private life, she is a real estate broker.

### South Teachers Get Scholarships

Two South High School teachers have been awarded National Science Foundation Scholarships at Long Beach State College for the spring semester, according to Torrance school officials.

William Bunyan, biology and chemistry teacher, received a scholarship for science studies, while Grant Jones, biology teacher, had his scholarship renewed.

### Truck-Car Crash Injures Six On Hawthorne Blvd.

Four persons were seriously injured Thursday afternoon in an automobile-milk truck collision at the corner of Hawthorne and Del Amo Blvd.

Confined at Little Company of Mary hospital are Janet R. Gervais, 18, 4423 W. 166th St., Lawndale, driver of the automobile which crashed into the rear of the truck driven by Frank Patrick Horner, 41, of Wilmington.

Others injured in the accident included Sondra Sessions, 18, of 3717 Emerald St., Torrance, Jonana Gervais, 18, 4416 W. 166th St., Timothy Miller, 20 months, of Gardena, and Carolyn Lawhead, 3, of 2421 Grant St., Redondo Beach.

Both Horner and the Miller youngsters were treated for superficial cuts and bruises and released.

### Torrance Youth Tours with Club

Louis Higginbotham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Higginbotham, 21236 South Figueroa St., Torrance, student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is a member of the school's men's glee club, which recently returned from a highly successful tour of the state.

Higginbotham, a UCSB senior, was one of 40 male voices who sang to 6700 people during 12 concerts. The group presented show tunes, spirituals, folk songs and classic literature written for male chorus.

### World Traveler Arrives Here To Visit Sister

Captain A. C. Gyles, a former captain of the Kenya Police, arrived yesterday by air to visit his sister, Mrs. Marie Edner 4602 Cadison St., Torrance.

Gyles, who was on active duty with the African police force during the Mau Mau uprising several years ago, is in the United States for a lecture tour and several television appearances in New York and on the West Coast.

Born in England, he is the former captain of a ship and served for several years as an African guide before joining the Kenya police.



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### HAT IN RING . . .

## First Candidate for Torrance School Board Election Announces Platform

First candidate, other than the school board incumbents, threw his hat into the ring Thursday evening when David K. Lyman announced that he would run for election April 18.

Lyman, who lives with his wife and two pre-school age children at 1305 Teri St., Torrance, has been a practicing attorney in this city for the past three years.

### PLATFORM

Announced platform of the candidate includes:

Elementary education should place extreme emphasis on the fundamental subjects of reading, writing, spelling, English and arithmetic.

Stress should be placed on the phonics method of teaching reading.

No experimenting should be made with school curricula merely for the sake of experimentation.

In high schools, teachers should teach in their major subject whenever possible.

Priority should be given to establishing libraries in elementary schools.

Grouping of several grades in one classroom should be kept at a minimum.

### HIKE SALARIES

Maximum salary of teachers should be raised to be commensurate with maximum salaries in school districts of surrounding areas.

An evaluation should be made of existing administrative and staff personnel in the school system to deter-

mine if all such personnel are necessary.

Public should be given a complete explanation of how and for what purposes school funds are being used.

Board of Education should exercise an honest and independent judgement on all matters free from the domination of the administration.

Lyman will make his first public appearance as a candi-



DAVID LYMAN

### North HS Teacher Writes Article For Ed. Journal

William J. Schuchman, North High shop teacher, is the author of an article in the February issue of "School Shop," magazine for teachers of industrial arts.



PRECIOUS TO SAVE—"So little to give" is slogan of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Girl Scouts (left to right) Candy Voien, Danielle DeBoer and Janis Albright are aiding the

drive for blood donors by placing posters in the store windows of downtown Torrance. Girls are from Troop 128, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

### College Students Plan to Present Musical Program

"King David" by Arthur Honneger will be given its initial South Bay performance by the Los Cancioneros choral organization under the direction of Mrs. Tom Mabin at the El Camino College Campus Theater on Feb. 24-25 at 8:30 p.m.

"Merits of the musical program are two fold," Mrs. Harold Bothwell, chairman of Los Cancioneros stated. "It will provide a scholarship fund of \$500 for an El Camino student to continue musical studies at advanced levels, and, secondly, it shows the close desire that exists between the college and the community in the preparation of music as a force of education and entertainment within the area."

Noteworthy aspects of the "King David" performance will be its presentation in English and not French as in the two-existing recordings and the stature of the primary soloists for the event.

### LIVED IN TORRANCE

## Harbor City Postmaster Discovered Dead at Home

Clarence Franklin Cole age 62 of 1605 W. 207th St., Torrance, died at his home last Friday. Cole, a Mason, was acting postmaster of the Harbor City postoffice. He was a member of the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce.

Cause of death is unknown pending coroner's investigation, but it is believed he suffered a heart attack during the night.

A native of Indiana, Clarence Cole lived in Torrance for over 16 years. He is survived by his wife Rhea; sons H. Kent Cole of Torrance and James Ralph Cole who lives in Iowa. Mildred Brewer, sister of Cole, lives in San Bernardino.

Services will be held Monday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at the First Methodist Church.

The Reverend Gilbert Zimmerman will officiate at the memorial service. In charge of arrangements are Halverson-Leavell Mortuary. Interment will be at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

### School Board To Meet Tuesday

Regular meeting of the Torrance Board of Education will be held Tuesday evening in the school administration building, 2335 Plaza del Amo, it was reported yesterday by J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools and secretary to the board. Committee meeting of the board as a whole will be held at 7:30 p.m.